

COMMANDER'S RETIREE COUNCIL  
Fort Rucker, Alabama

1. The Commander's Retiree Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on December 2, 2004 at the Aviators' Landing. This was the 196th scheduled meeting since the Council was established in 1973.
2. Member present, absent, advisors, and guests present were:

MEMBERS (Army Retiree, Except as indicated)  
PRESENT

COL William E. Crouch, Co-Ch	CSM Charles E. Frye, Co-Ch
COL Herman S. Heath	SGM Lloyd M. Rogers, Association Secretary
COL James E. Hyers	SGM Terry Wilkins.
COL Charles A. Block (USMC)	SMSGT Jean Woodruff (USAF)
LTC James R. Mellish	1SG Jackie Ray
CDR James E. Cobb (USN)	SFC Joseph Barnes

MEMBERS ABSENT

COL Richard M. Johnson Unexcused	CSM Andrew Rivers
COL Bob Bunting	CSM William Jolley
Ms. Erika Johnson	SFC Ralph Reed, Unexcused

ADVISORS PRESENT

COL Thomas W. Young, Garrison Commander  
COL Susan Denny, CDR, Lyster Health Clinic  
Mr. Will Newman, RSO  
Mr. Tim Laster, DFCA  
Ms. Barbara Hardbarger, TRICARE  
Mr. Roy Walkins, AG

3. The meeting was called to order at 11:36 AM by COL Crouch.
4. The minutes of the last meeting approved as written.
5. Old Business – None
6. Committee Reports.
  - a. Public Affairs – No report.
  - b. Legislative Affairs COL Hyers gave a recap of legislation passed by this Congress and what the Military Coalition hoped Congress would enact in the next

session.

c. Health Care – No report

d. Volunteer Program - SFC Barnes reported the Volunteer Program Council was going to meet to try and improve the methods of selection and to possibly add an award for the person with the highest gross number of volunteer hours.

e. Consolidated Club System COL Block reported that Catering will move into the fold barber shop room and renovations are ongoing to include new carpeting, new partitions, refurbishing of the restrooms, and new ceiling tiles. The completion date is 24 January 2005. Three new custodians were hired on the third shift to clean up and prepare the building for the next day. The Club lost \$106,000 last year which causes the system to be placed on the "Group from Atlanta's Watch List".

f. Commissary No report.

g. PX No report.

h. Golf Course COL Heath reported the golf course was in good shape and made money in October.

h. Equestrian Center COL Heath reported the Center was still full and nothing going on until next year.

i. Outdoor Recreation 1SG Ray stated that safety was being stressed especially now during hunting season.

j. Bowling Alley No report..

k. RAD The Council recommended 28-29 October 2005 as the dates for the next RAD and suggested a speaker be invited from NAUS.

#### 7. Advisors Comments –

a. Ms. Hardbarger stated that her office would be closed on Christmas and New Years Eves and would probably have a reduced staff during this time period.

b. Mr. Laster urged all to make reservations for New Years Eve which will be in the Conference Center and for "Family Night" at Rucker Lanes. The Club will be open for lunch on Mon, Tues, and Wed during the holiday shutdown.

c. COL Denney stated the downsizing had cost the Clinic it's ambulance service which will be picked up by Enterprise and Ozark. Xray service will be curtailed, along with some other services, for TRICARE Standard patients. Flu shots are still available for certain personnel.

8. New Business – The Council accepted the resignation of SSG Fred Spiker.
9. Co-Chairman's Comments The issues that went forward to the C/S Retiree Council were Space A Travel for surviving spouses and DIC Offset for military widows.
10. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM. The next scheduled meeting to be held at the Aviators' Landing on 6 January 2005 at 11:30 AM.

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WILLIAM E. CROUCH

COL, Retired

Co-Chairman

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CHARLES E. FRYE

CSM, Retired

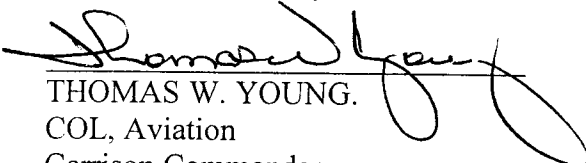
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LLOYD M. ROGERS

SGM, Retired

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THOMAS W. YOUNG.  
COL, Aviation  
Garrison Commander